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SUBJECT: COCOM LIST REVIEW - IL 1088 GEAR MAKING
EQUIPMENT

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1) DEL SHOULD MAINTAIN ROUND I POSITION ACCEPTING UK
PROPOSAL TO CHANGE CUTOFF IN (C) TO CLASS 6 AND OBJECT
TO THE JAPANESE PROPOSAL TO DELETE (C) IN ITS ENTIRETY.

2) THE RATIONALE FOR OPPOSING THE DELETION OF (C) IS
THAT IT COVERS GEAR MAKING MACHINERY CAPABLE OF MAKING
A VARIETY OF GEARS ONLY A PORTION OF WHICH MIGHT HAVE
BEEN IN TE WATCH AND CAMERA GEAR MACHINERY CATEGORY
WHICH IS THE PRINCIPLE SOURCE OF JAPANESE INTEREST. THE
WORD QUOTE MODULE UNQUOTE APPEARING IN (C) IS THE FUNCTION
OF GEAR PITCH DIAMETER (MM) OVER THE NUMBER OF TEETH AND
THEREFORE REFERS TO THE NUMBER OF TEETH IN GEARS RATHER
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THAN THEIR SIZE. IN THE OPINION OF US EXPERTS, THE
CHANGE IN CLASS FROM 7 TO 6 PROVIDES A REASONABLE
ANSWER TO THE JAPANESE DELEGATIONS OBJECTIVES
BECAUSE WATCH AND CAMERA GEARS MIGHT FALL WITHIN THE
MODULE CUTOFF IN (C) BUT WOULD NOT MEET THE CLASS OR
QUALITY STANDARD THEREIN AND THE MACHINERY FOR MAKING THEM
WOULD NOT REQUIRE THE CAPABILITY OF TURNING OUT CLASS 6

GEARS. THE BROCHURE CIRCULATED DURING ROUND I BY THE
JAPANESE DELEGATION INDICATES THAT THE SOVIET EQUIPMENT
CAN MEET THE MODULE CUTOFF, BUT ALL THE INTELLIGENCE
AVAILABLE TO US INDICATES THAT THESE MACHINES WILL NOT
MEET THE CLASS STANDARD IN (C). THE SUPPLY OF GEAR
MAKING EQUIPMENT AND THE CAPABILITY OF MANUFACTURING
QUALITY GEARS APPEARS TO BE INADEQUATE THROUGHOUT THE
COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. DESPITE PRODUCTION OF A WIDE
RANGE OF GEAR MAKING MACHINERY, THE SOVIETS HAVE, IN
IMPORTING THEIR REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AUTOMOTIVE FIELD,
INDICATED THAT WESTERN MACHINES ARE MORE DURABLE AND
RELIABLE THAN THOSE AVAILABLE TO THEM ESPECIALLY
FOR MASS PRODUCTION. INASMUCH AS GEARS BETTER THAN
AGMA CLASS 11 WOULD BE USED ONLY IN THE AEROSPACE,
RADAR MISSILE AND GYRO GUIDANCE FIELD IN THE US, IT
SEEMS CLEAR THAT RETENTION OF 1088(C) AT BETTER THAN
DIN CLASS 6 (AGMA 11) IS FULLY JUSTIFIED UNDER THE
CRITERIA AND WILL IN NO WAY INHIBIT EXPORT OF GEARMAKING
MACHINERY FOR CIVIL PRODUCTS SUCH AS WATCHES, CAMERAS,
AUTOMOBILES, AND INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT. KISSINGER

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